

febr. 27, 1945

M E M O for Mr. S.

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As told you last week, on febr. 9 (late evening) my order to make every possible effort to help your three friends arrived in Northern Italy by special courier.

As you know, evidence against them was great, as very great was the danger against their lives. I told my men that they were authorised to dispose, without further agreement up to 1/m. per person: the imprisoned men had to be helped at any cost and risk.

Necessary contacts were immediately made. Identifying persons and place of imprisonment was not easy. Could we obtain deliverance of the three most compromised people the position of the remaining would, by consequence, become very easier and self-supporting.

Marzo and the other two kept their mouth closed. This fact rendered less difficult to minimize existing heavy evidence against them.

As soon as their freedom has been obtained, the promise was made to obtain entrance into Switzerland to a compromised authority & wife that are at disposal to give other sure help of the kind (excluding intervention by german SS) and news on the political situation of neo-fascist and germans in Northern Italy.

This man has also taken up the U-16 and O-21 matter. As far as I know Galliano is in Switzerland and today Marzo had an appointment with the authority above mentioned.

Avv. Porta.

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